

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 2, 2014

In attendance: Peter Blood (Vice Chair), Rolan Clark, and Bryan Malseed. Also attending were Phil Harris (DSWM), Lori Finafrock (DSWM), and Patrick Miglio (guest).

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM with a quorum present.

Peter suggested that the recording of minutes rotate among members and volunteered to record today's minutes.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Membership. Patrick Miglio was introduced as a candidate applicant for SWAC and he summarized his lengthy involvement in solid waste issues. Mr. Miglio is retired and most recently served as Manager of Maryland Coal Combustion Products at NRG Energy. The committee discussed Mr Miglio's very impressive credentials and voted during open session to recommend his membership to the BOCC. Mr. Miglio would serve in the position of Commercial – Solid Waste/Recycling Company Representative.

Peter asked if we really had a quorum with so few in attendance. The question prompted a thoughtful discussion of the overall status of SWAC. SWAC is currently at a membership low due partly to the unfortunate death of Bob Clark and resignation due to illness of Harvey Alter. Meeting every other month may also play a role. No one on the Committee thought SWAC should dissolve in part because concern over solid waste issues will return. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting as well.

Department Update (presented by Phil)

- Lori was promoted from Recycling Program Manager to Assistant Superintendent. Her former position has not yet been filled but is being openly recruited.
- MDE issued conditional acceptance of the county's Solid Waste Management Plan.
- New scales were installed at the landfill and are now operational. The landfill has had several customer service improvements. It now accepts credit card payment, driver's license as ID, and has automated lanes for yard-waste. These changes are expected to reduce overall drop-off time.
- 49 tons of tires were accepted on scrap tire amnesty day Sep 28.
- 45 tons of Christmas trees were accepted in Dec and Jan.
- 13,160 pounds of household hazardous waste were collected on Oct 26.

The next meeting will be June 4.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.